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A Frozen Santa

"I was in a Cheat mountain camp onger than any of us.'

"The boys all drew their chairs near

"Yes, I knowed Billie from the time used to pelt each other with stones, tree coons and steal whisky together. You know Bill and his pop were in the moonshinin' business before the revenue officers copped it.

"'A bad cuss was that young Billie Burke before he was sent to the reform school. But what chances did | the hill, told them what Santa was he have? He knowed no better; the whole blooming family were in that one-roomed log house; the old lady digging ginseng in the summer to get enough to buy the winter's supply of snuff and chewing tobacco, and the old man running his still in the ravine, using the corn for whisky that should have made pone cakes for the kid-

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By Harry Boehme

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last Christmas eve when someone mentioned the name of 'Billie' Burke. There was an instant stillness in the cabin; the boys dropped their cards, and the words 'poor Billie' were on almost every lip. I was somewhat puzzled. 'Who was Billie Burke?' I nquired. For a moment no one answered. One of the boys called on old Sam-'Uncle Sam' they called him. You tell him, Sam; you knew Billie

the fire and Sam told the story.

dies.

"'Wal, sir, I never seen such a change in a youngster as Billie when he came back. He read; he wrote; he wore good clothes and fine shoes, and he was a gentleman. His people

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FARMER'S WEEK

Be Feature at State University -Open to All

ege. There is one school that you can still go to, even the you never went to any other. You can take our wife, son daughter, grandson, on-in-law, or sweetheart too, if you ike. Farmer's Week held at Columbus. January 31 to February 4, will give you five days of instruction on any subject of farming that you may vant. Sixty popular lectures, many emonstrations and moving pictures all combined into a three session five day course will provide instruction on every phase of agriculture includng poultry culture, soil fertility, ap-de growing, livestock raising and dairying.

Farmer's Week is the dream of President Thompson of the Ohio State University who wants to give the farmers of Ohio a chance to at-tend the university which they sup-port. He has excused all classes maintained for the instruction of 6,-000 students in engineering, medicine, education, pharmacy and law so that the farmers can come to college. Practically all the buildings on the campus of the university, costing \$5,000,000 will be utilized for the

have the best program possible. The farmers made Farmer's Week the biggest event for boosting agricuitural conditions in Ohio last year. So we have decided to offer double the advantages this year. Now you cannot afford to stay away." says Clark S. Wheeler, Director of extension work at the university who is in charge.

It is open to old and young. Last year a man of 88 sat beside a boy of 12 at the lectures. No expense is attached to the lectures. A note book is all that is needed. Farmer's Week has been arranged so that many farmers could leave their farms during the slack season. The men in charge guarantee that the results of the information gained at Farmer's Week will mean hundreds of dollars in the next few years to every man who attends. Write for a complete

didn't know him at first. Then Billie said he was going to meet it on the

"'While he was at home the last time he met the schoolmarm of the Red Sulphur Spring school and he fell in love. I suppose, though, he never said anything to no one but me; he said it to me real earnestly. Any gal would have been proud to have Billie: a straight, strong,

clean and goodhearted boy. Why, president's daughter wouldn't say no to him.

"'I can see him yet as he left this camp the last day ever seed him. done told him to wait for the log noon; but he couldn't wait. He start-

thing in the air; I thought it was snow, There seemed a terrible silence over the whole woods when Billie left at dawn. That was the last time I seed him alive. "Good-by, Uncle Sam!" he shouted from the hill as he waved his hand; "and a merry Christmas to you; and don't get drunk. Be sure to make good resolutions for the New Year. Good-by!

"'He stopped at the Widow Jones' house on his way to Durbin, and she made him drink a cup of hot coffee, which she and the kiddies were having at breakfast. Then he told her about the Christmas he expected to spend at home. He was just bubbling over with joy, and the widow started to cry. At Christmas, she said, the thoughts of the ones that are departed are green in one's memory as the holly leaves that grow on the holly was a wee shaver; me and him | tree, and like a circle of holly leaves are they entwined in a wreath of memory.

"'Then Billie tried to comfort her, and asked her why she was crying. She said that her kiddies wanted to know about Santa Claus because the Paxson children, who went sledding on going to bring them, and they asked their maw when Santa was coming to them. She told them that he wasn't coming; there wasn't going to be any Christmas for them because they were

"That stuck in Billie's craw, and he

said he would go to Durbin and get something for 'em. and could still make No. 9 train in the afternoon for home

'That trail is bad enough in summer, to say nothing about it in winter. One

trip a day over that Cheat mountain slope is enough for any man. I don't see how Billie could have been so thoughtless of himself when he always was so thoughtful of others.

"'Wal, sir, when he got to Durbin it was high noon. They say it was snowing hard and he was covered with the soft flakes. He never tarried, but as soon as he could get a sack full of dolls, drums, candy, oranges and a sled he started for the hills. It was snowing hard when he came into town, and drifting under a light wind when he turned back. And it got awfully

cold-30 degrees below. "'You know the rest; they found him at the foot of the precipice, leaning, smiling, with the sack on his back—no more than a quarter of a mile from the widder's home. I believe, as the parson read, "Insomuch as ye have

done it unto one of these-"' "The lumberjacks are not much for sentiment, but let me tell you, when old Sam had finished his story you could see that it had affected every one of them."-Philadelphia North





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STATE OFFFICIAL REPORT

Condition of Crops Given Out By State Board of Agriculture

The following is the official reture of Ohio on the acerage and prother crops. December 1,

Wheat-Condition compared with an average, 86 per cent; same report one year ago, 97 per cent; Amount of 1915 crop sold as soon as threshed, 41 per cent; same report one year 43 per cent; damaged by Hessian fly, 3 per cent; same report one year ago, 5 per cent; damaged by

eather conditions, 8 per cent. Corn—Area planted in 1915, as turned by township assessors, 176,600 acres; same report one year ago, 2,901,070 acres; estimated avtotal estimated production, 117,379, 750 bushels; same report one year go, 197,463,240 bushels; put in sio, 10 per cent; same report one year

cribbing begun, October 25. Clover—Area sown in 1914 cut for seed, 19 per cent; same report one year ago, 33 per cent; average yield of seed per acre, 1.1 bushels; ame report one year ago, 1.59 bush-

Apples-Probable total yield con pared with last year, 121 per cent; same report one year ago, 101 per Tobacco-Probable average pro-

duct per acre, 840 lbs.; same retrain that went at port one year ago, 875 lbs.

Cattle—Number being fed comed over the short-cut trail to Durbin- pared with an average, 83 per cent;

> Sheep-Number fed for mutton ompared with an average, 76 per cent; same report one year ago, 72

Hogs-Number estimated compard with an everage, 92 per cent; cholera cases compared with last

year, 105 per cent. The condition of wheat sown this year shows a loss of 11 per cent as ompared with last year. About the ame amount was sold when threshed, the difference being 2 per cent in favor of last year. Damage due to

Hessian fly is 3 per cent compared with 5 per cent of last year. Corn acerage for 1915 exceeded that of 1914 by 275,530 acres. The average yield per acre is estimated to be 37 bushels. The approximate increase in bushels is estimated at about 19,000,000. The report shows that slightly less corn was used for ensilage this year, the decrease being 1 per cent. The average date for ribbing corn this year was six days later than last year.

Only 19 per cent of the clover cerage sown in 1914 was cut for seed this year while last year 33 per cent was cut. The estimated yield this year is 1.1 bushel per acre as csompared with 1.59 bushels last compared with 1.59 bushels last Don't forget Souvenirs (worth a Dollar) to each lady who visits our opening, Saturday, December 4, PULSKAMP.

The average production of tobac

o shows a decrease of 35 lbs. per Nine per cent more cattle and four

while per cent more carrie and rour per cent more sheep are being fed this year than last. The number of hogs on hand shows a slight decrease from the average. The southwest and northwest sections show consid-erable Increase in the number of cases of hog cholera, while the in crease in the entire state is only per cent over last year. Severa ountles report the disease more pre alent than ever while a few reporno cholera whatever. The counties that are free from the cholera are in the northeast and southeast.

We have just received a fine assort ent of Forest City Brass Beds. The unful lustrous golden color and suof finish of these beds make them easy distinguishable from other makes. A orest City Brass Bed, Ostermoor Matress and Hercules Spring. This combiation can't be beat. Wow! what leasing gift this would be, see them at W. A. J. McDANIEL'S.

RIDDLE IS REMOVED

Lima Man Not To Be Corn Boyes Manager Any More

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—At a seeting this afternoon the State Soard of Agriculture terminated the connection of T. P. Riddle, of Lima, with the corn boys contests by abolshing his position and placing the ntire matter in the hands of J. R. Clarke, who has a permanent posiion with the State Board of Agri-It was decided to contin the junior contests including the corn raising live stock and domestic clence contests. The board also vot ed \$5000 for the school exhibit at the state fair next year.

The board appointed a number of sportsmen as deputy Game Wardens, without salary, on the showing that they are interested and will help en-

force the laws.

The board named W. F. Fogle, or Welsville as drug inspector at \$1,

The board had a lively session with State Emergency Board members earlier in the day and went over the state fair deficit, amounting to \$20,000. The board explained how it was incurred. Auditor of state A. V. Donahey was particularly vehement in oposing an item of \$1200 for press plate, arguing that it was used to exploit the members rather than the state fair. Donahey said he is confident the board acted in good faith, and, in this view, the governor concurred.

While making your selections for Christmas for quality and reason-able prices come and see Louise B. TouVelle, Fayette street. adv.

#### OHIO FAIR MEN

Adopt Resolutions of Interest to the Farmers and Live Stock Men

At the metting of Ohio Fair Men held in Cincinnati November 29-30, the following resolutions were adop-

That we express to the Hamilton County Fair Board and the Chamber of Commerce of Cincinnati, our appreciation of the royal welcome, the contectainment provided for members of the Ohio Race Circuit making me the Ohio Race Circuit, making pos-sibly the Top-Notch meeting in the history of the circuit, and

Further express our appreciation of the excellent and instructive addresses delivered. And That we recommend that Fairs ar-

That we recommend that Fairs alrange their speed program on a more liberal basis. And
That a committee composed of John Begg, Jas. W. Fleming, M. Y. Cooper, and A. P. Sandles, confer with proper railway and public officials in the watter of the return of cials in the matter of free return of exhibits by railroads, as was former-

ly done for live stock shown at Ohio State Fairs. And That we request that Federal authorities take such action that will immediately eradicate the foot and mouth disease from the state of Illiinois, and thus remove a menace to the live stock interests of the nation.

That we recommend that State and Federal officials, legislative and dministrative, bring forward some plan that will lessen the ravages of nog cholera and if possible eradicate

this blight and curse to the corn belt states. And That we believe the loss of milons of dollars worth of swine would justify the state and federal governents to furnish free serum and in imposing penalties on those who refuse to comply with reasonable quarantine regulations to stamp out this

disease. And That we do not believe any headway is being made under present plans of the state or nation, to permanently secure relief from this dis-ease and that by the aid of free serum and prompt treatment dor cholera might be successfu-

And That a committe appo fer with the Ohio State Bo riculture, in the matter 35 of the rules and regu ern county agricultur to secure in as large me the privilege of allowin 25 ty to govern itself acc 00

Respectfully submitten; L. Holderm W. Ellison, Lamar P. Wilson, R. S. Sweet,

The resolutions were adopted. Upon motion the committe on reslutions was made the committee to confer with the State Board of Agriculture on rules to govern county

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#### PLEASE SETTLE UP

Having lost all my property by fire on last Sunday morning, I will es-teem it a great favor if all persons knowing themselves indebted to me would call at one and settle up their accounts. I lost practically all I had in the fire that destroyed my business building and dwalling and right now I will appreciate it if you will make prompt settlement of all your accounts.

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